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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372

Applicant hereby elects Group I directed to claims 1-7, drawn to a method for producing cardboard tubes. However, Applicant respectfully traverses the requirement as the method involves the special technical feature of providing a spindle and cutting the ribbon as required by the apparatus. As such, it is believed that the method requires the special technical features of the apparatus as claimed in the apparatus claims. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of all claims in view of the close relationship between the method and apparatus. Further, as a single search can be performed to consider all aspects of the invention and in view of the close relationship between the method and the apparatus, consideration of all claims is believed to be proper.

Favorable consideration on the merits is requested.

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